



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEDIA ALERT

For Immediate Release

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TIFT COUNTY...

GEORGIA DOT RESCHEDULES I-75 SOUTH AND NORTHBOUND TO BE TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION

- WHEN:** 7 p.m., Monday, April 23 until 7 a.m., Tuesday morning, April 24 *and if needed*
7 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 until 7 a.m., Wednesday morning, April 25.
- WHERE:** I-75 south and northbound between mile marker 53 and mile marker 56 in Tift County.
- WHAT:** Contractors for the Georgia Department of Transportation have rescheduled, due to the possibility of inclement weather, a single left lane closure on I-75 south and north between mile marker 53 and mile marker 56 in Tift County for the installation of temporary barrier wall. I-75 will be reduced from three lanes to two lanes in both directions for reconstruction of the Exit 55/Eldorado Road/C.R. 418 overpass and ramps.

I-75 lane closures are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- A single left lane closure of I-75 south is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Monday, April 23 until 7 a.m., Tuesday morning, April 24, weather permitting. If this work progresses fast enough a single right lane closure of I-75 north will be installed the same night, weather permitting.

If work is not completed by Tuesday morning, April 24 then;

- A single left lane closure of I-75 north is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 until 7 a.m., Wednesday morning, April 25, weather permitting.

This south and northbound left lane closure will be utilized for overpass construction work in the median and will last for approximately 6 months.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit (www.dot.ga.gov); you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

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